Accreditation to colleges of Assam

2858. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has accreditated only one college, out of 250 colleges, of Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the procedure adopted by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), to accreditate a college and select for UGC grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assessment and accreditation of colleges was suggested as voluntary till, 2000. There were also apprehensions regarding the assessment/accreditation process as the colleges were not aware of implications of the accreditation and its benefits. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has already undertaken a number of awareness programme in collaboration with the State Government to popularise assessment and accreditation.

(c) The process of assessment/accreditation include, *inter alia*, preparation of self study report by institutions/departments using defined criteria such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research, consultancy and extension, infrastructure, student support etc. The validation of self study Report is done by a Peer Team through on-site visit and presentation of detailed quality report on the institution. The final decision on assessment and accreditation is taken by the Executive Committee of NAAC.